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The Academy
Branford, Connecticut

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District Of Connecticut

Historic American Buildings Survey
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THE ACADEMY

Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut

Owner: Masonic Lodge of Branford, Branford, Connecticut

Date of Erection: 1820

Architect and Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Good condition, in original state of construction.
Moved from site of present Town Hall in 1866

Number of Stories: Two and one-half with belfry

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations
Clapboard sidewalls
Shingled roof

List of Photographs:

1. Southwest Elevation
2. Northeast Elevation
3. View of Assembly Room (Looking East)

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This building was erected in 1820 on the site of the present Town Hall, Branford, Connecticut, and was later removed to its present location on the Green. This removal was undertaken, it is believed, in 1866.

The Masonic Association of Branford now owns this structure, and it is in its original state of construction, being a two story frame building with a gable roof and belfry built on the front. Outside of a new floor on the first floor, the remainder of the building is preserved as it was originally erected.

The Academy was constructed mainly through the efforts of Rev. Timothy P. Gillette with the assistance of several other prominent men of the settlement, and it was established for the purpose of affording the children of the town a more advanced education that was, at that time, being taught in the schools of Branford.

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